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Accenture Pancakes & Politics

L.A. City Attorney Mike Feuer joined the Chamber's Accenture Pancakes & Politics Breakfast Speaker Series to discuss his efforts to improve public safety, address the city's homelessness crisis and enforce cannabis laws. Serving as the city attorney for the City of Los Angeles since 2013, Feuer has focused on neighborhood-based programs and approaches to improving quality-of-life issues. Feuer emphasized several points to that effect, including developing a solution to homelessness that is lawful and upholds a person's dignity, protecting efficient land use zoning and creating new ideas to deliver the housing L.A. needs. **SEE THE PHOTOS.**

Chamber joins Assemblymember Autumn Burke and PPIC for Community College Career Pathway panel

The Chamber's Center for Education Excellence & Talent Development Senior Vice President, Alma Salazar, joined Assemblymember Autumn Burke and California Community College Executive Vice Chancellor for Education Services, Marty Alvarado, for a legislative briefing hosted by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) on "Career Pathways and Economic Mobility at California's Community Colleges." PPIC researcher Shannon McConville outlined the findings from a new report, and the expert panel discussed the opportunities and challenges involved as community colleges seek to improve students' labor market opportunities and meet California's workforce needs. For information, contact **Alma Salazar**.

Sacramento legislative update

The California State Legislature continues work on the second half of 2019 legislative session. Recently, we've advocated on:

- SB 330 - SUPPORT. The Housing Crisis Act, which speeds up construction of housing that cities have already zoned for by streamlining permitting and relaxing local restrictions on development provisions of the bill to sunset after five years, and only applies in areas where housing needs are the greatest.
- SB 736 - SUPPORT. Establishes the Creative Economy Incentive Program, which creates an incentive for California's local jurisdictions to attract these important events to their communities and thus stimulate our local economies.
- AB 1197 - SUPPORT. Responds directly to the dire homelessness crisis in L.A. by exempting from CEQA activities approved or carried out by the City of Los Angeles in creating supportive housing projects funded by Proposition HHH or emergency shelter projects funded by

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POLICY CALENDAR

Chamber Member Orientation
July 10

Government & Fiscal Affairs Council
July 16

Land Use, Construction & Housing Council
July 24

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July 24

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July 26

the Homeless Emergency Aid Program. This exemption sunsets on Jan. 1, 2025.
- AB 731 - OPPOSE. Drives up the cost of health care coverage for employers by establishing a new and burdensome rate review process for large-group health care contracts.

Legislation aimed to clarify the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) is essential in protecting small businesses from unintended consequences created by the CCPA:

- AB 25 - SUPPORT. Clarifies that employees or job applicants to a business are not included as "consumers" in the CCPA.
- AB 846 - SUPPORT. Ensures loyalty and rewards programs can continue by clarifying language in the CCPA.
- AB 873 - SUPPORT. Allows businesses to reasonably meet consumers' data requests.
- AB 874 - SUPPORT. The CCPA limits businesses' distribution of "information lawfully made available from federal, state or local government records."
- AB 1564 - SUPPORT. Clarifies that businesses can offer consumers an email address, physical address or 1-800 number to ensure consumers can exercise their CCPA rights.

SCAG PEIR meeting

On Wednesday, June 26, Public Policy Manager Kendal Asuncion participated in the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) Business Community Outreach meeting to discuss the program. Asuncion raised the business community's concerns that the program and plan continue to heavily value a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction with minimal concerns for the economic impacts of the reduction. Business representatives at the meeting stressed that SCAG should clearly explain the underlying assumptions it makes in the plan, including those made about VMTs. The PEIR outreach meeting was the first of five additional planned efforts. SCAG anticipates it will release a draft PEIR in late 2019. Learn more about the PEIR **here**.

Predictive scheduling in committee

On Tuesday, June 25, Public Policy Manager Olivia Lee joined the L.A. City Council Economic Development Committee to speak on the proposed predictive scheduling motion by the City. The Chamber's comments acknowledged the collaborative nature needed for a policy that works for all stakeholders, our effort engaging Chamber members to create a best practices document and our willingness to work with City staff on a collaborative

policy that balances all stakeholders. Staff were directed to draft language for the proposed ordinance. This item was adopted in council last Wednesday.

Freight focus groups dates and purpose

In place of our July Transportation & Goods Movement Council meeting, the Chamber will hold two joint focus groups with Metro staff. The focus groups support Metro's work on its Goods Movement Strategic Plan. We will help Metro review and asses its Five Elements of Competitiveness, and learn about where the Goods Movement Strategic Plan fits into Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan. The focus groups will be held at the Chamber on Aug. 5 from 1-2:30 p.m. and Aug. 15 from 9:30-11 a.m. To attend, please RSVP to **Maribel Flores**.

Citizenship question removed from 2020 Census

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on the issue of including the citizenship question and affirmed the decision of the district court to remove the citizenship question from the 2020 Census. The Trump administration has asked the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Commerce to reevaluate all available options on including the question in the 2020 Census, in spite of the Supreme Court's ruling. It is unclear how they will be able to go around the latest ruling by the Court, but the Chamber sees this as a victory. The Chamber previously signed on to an amicus brief with a number of other businesses and organizations throughout the County to oppose the administration's efforts to add a citizenship question to the census. The Chamber also advocated for the removal of the question during our ACCESS Washington, D.C. trip earlier this year.

Policy council updates

Upcoming councils:

- *Government & Fiscal Affairs*, Tuesday, July 16, with Deputy Mayor of Economic Development William Chun and Brian Peck and Fangfei Dong from USC's Gould School of Law Center for Transnational Law and Business, on hot issues impacting the L.A. economy including trade and opportunity zones. Special guest Zaib Shaikh, Consul General of Canada in Los Angeles, will also speak on issues around trade and economic development. **RSVP HERE.**
- *Land Use, Construction & Housing Council*, Wednesday, July 24, on updates and action items on state legislation, L.A. County's proposed art fee and discussion on the City's recent proposals on inclusionary zoning. **RSVP HERE.**

July 10 - Meeting with Councilman Mitch O'Farrell on homelessness and poverty

July 10 - BioCom event on "How Health Care IT Delivers the Right Treatment"

July 10 - Chamber Member Orientation and New Member Reception

July 11 - Chamber Board meeting

The Summit prescription for what must be done to improve our workforce, **California Economic Summit**, 7.3.19; Together Against a Tax in Los Angeles, **City Journal**, 6.28.19; Supreme Court Won't Allow Citizenship Question On Census -- For Now, **MediaPost**, 6.27.19

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